

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A system, comprising:  
a master device; and  
a slave device coupled to the master device via a serial interface, the slave device  
is configurable by the master device to operate in multiple modes including  
a direct memory addressing mode and an indirect memory addressing  
mode, wherein each mode is associated with a command length that differs  
between modes.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the master device configures the slave  
device to operate in the multiple modes using an initialization command having a length  
that is greater than the command lengths associated with the multiple modes.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the master device comprises a processor  
of a battery operated electronic device.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the slave device comprises a wireless  
LAN adapter, the wireless LAN adapter couples to an antenna that transmits and receives  
wireless signals according to a wireless protocol.
5. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein commands associated with  
the direct memory addressing mode have a length which is greater than commands  
associated with indirect memory addressing mode, with the command length comprises  
read/write commands.

6. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the master and slave devices selectively switch from the direct memory addressing mode to the indirect memory addressing mode to conserve power. ~~implement indirect memory accesses during at least one of the multiple modes.~~

7. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the master and slave device communicate via the serial interface ~~comprises~~ a serial peripheral interface (SPI).

8. (Original) A portable device, comprising:  
a processor;  
a slave device couple to the processor; and  
a battery coupled to the processor and the slave device, the battery is operable to provide power to the processor and the slave device,  
wherein the processor and the slave device are configurable to communicate in multiple modes, each mode being associated with a different read/write command length.

9. (Original) The portable device of claim 8 wherein each read/write command comprises a read/write field, a data length field, and an address field.

10. (Original) The portable device of claim 8 wherein one of the multiple modes comprises to a low power compatible mode that implements a command length having fewer bits than another of the multiple modes.

11. (Original) The portable device of claim 10 wherein the processor and the slave device are configured to communicate in the low power compatible mode when only the battery provides power to the processor and the slave device.

12. (Original) The portable device of claim 10 wherein the processor and the slave device are configured to communicate in the low power compatible mode when the

battery has less than a predetermined threshold amount of power available to power the processor and the slave device.

13. (Original) A method, comprising:  
determining if a power consumption parameter of a device exists;  
configuring a device to interpret read/write commands having a non-reduced length; and  
configuring the device to interpret read/write commands having a reduced length if the power consumption parameter exists.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the non-reduced length comprises 32-bits.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the reduced length comprises 16-bits.
16. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising performing functions associated with a wireless communication protocol in response to an interpretation of the read/write commands.
17. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the power consumption parameter comprises the device being powered by a battery
18. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the power consumption parameter comprises a battery powering the device having less than a predetermined threshold amount of available power.
19. (Currently amended) A system, comprising:  
a first device;  
a second device coupled to the first device;

means for configuring the second device in a first mode associated with read/write commands having a non-reduced address field-length; and  
means for configuring the second device in a second mode associated with read/write commands having a reduced address field-length.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19 further comprising means for determining when to configure the second device in the first and second modes.

21. (Currently amended) The system of claim 19 further comprising means for switching between the first and second modes based on a power consumption parameter. ~~wherein the means for configuring the second device in the first and second modes comprises a Secure Digital Input/Output (SDIO) command transmitted from the first device to the second device.~~